REMARKS

The office action of December 24, 2008, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the specification is objected to on various grounds.

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a).

Claims 1-5 and 7-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

In connection with the Examiner's objections to the specification and drawings, applicant has amended the specification and claims 1 and 10. The drawings now show all of the features recited in the claims, as well as all of the reference numerals mentioned in the specification. Also, the specification provides antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the objections to the drawings and specification are overcome

and should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims now on file contain subject matter which is sufficiently described in the specification so as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 10 to address the points raised by the Examiner.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-5 and 7-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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